

REMARKS**Claims Rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1, 2, 5-13 and 16-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,257,644 to Young in combination with U.S. Patent No. 5,603,546 to Desir Sr., and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,419,088 to Raymond et al. Claims 1, 12 and 23 are the only independent claims of this rejected group. Claim 1 is directed to a trim molding for circumscribing a glass panel of an automobile. Claim 12 is directed to an automotive glass installation including a glass panel and the trim molding of claim 1, and claim 23 is directed to a method of installing a glass panel using the claimed trim molding.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of claims 1, 12 and 23 because there is no teaching or suggestion to combine Young, Desir, Sr. and Raymond et al., as suggested by the Examiner. Specifically, the Examiner admits that the combination of Young and Desir, Sr. fails to teach or suggest a double-sided adhesive foam tape disposed within the interior of a channel section of a trim molding for bonding a glass panel to the molding, as recited in the claims.

Raymond et al. is directed to window mounting systems for vehicles wherein, in one embodiment, a thermoplastic window (4) can be encapsulated by a molded frame (5) which is in turn attached to a chassis panel (6) of an automobile by bolts (7) (see Raymond et al. at column 4, lines 63-67, and Fig. 5). As an alternative to a molded frame (5), Raymond et al. uses a foam tape to mount the window (4) directly to the vehicle (see Raymond et al. at column 2, lines 46-54; column 3, lines 51-55; and

column 7, lines 28-34). Thus, Raymond does not teach the use of adhesive foam tape in combination with a molded frame to bond the peripheral edge of a window glass to the molding, but rather to use the tape to bond a plastic window directly to the chassis of an automobile (see Raymond et al. at column 7, lines 28-34) as an alternative to securing the window with a molded frame. There is thus no teaching or suggestion to modify the combination of Young and Desir, Sr. as suggested by the Examiner. In fact, Raymond teaches away from using foam tape with trim molding, as recited in the claims.

For at least these reasons, Applicant asserts that there is no teaching or suggestion to combine Young, Desir, Sr., and Raymond et al. as suggested by the Examiner. By picking and choosing the claimed elements from these references, the Examiner is attempting to use improper hindsight analysis to piece together the claimed invention based on Applicant's disclosure. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1, 12 and 23 be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 5-11 depend from independent claim 1, claims 13 and 16-22 depend from independent claim 12, and claim 24 depends from independent claim 23. Therefore, claims 2, 5-11, 13, 16-22 and 24 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated above for independent claims 1, 12 and 23, and because each of these claims recites one or more additional features in combination with the independent claims, which combinations are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Moreover, none of the cited references teaches or suggests providing adhesive foam tape on an automotive mold trim to bond the trim to a peripheral edge of a glass panel, as recited in claims 5 and 16. For at least these reasons, Applicant

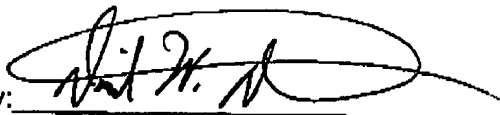
respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 2, 5-11, 13, 16-22 and 24 be withdrawn.

In view of these remarks, Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes any detailed language of the claims requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved. The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Applicant asserts that no additional fee is due as a result of this amendment. However, if the Examiner disagrees and any charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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